

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. **4002-3122/PC830.00**
 First Inventor **Lehmann K. Li**
 Title **SUTURE ANCHORING SYSTEM AND METHOD**
 Express Mail Label No. **EL 983135507 US**

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ *Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 35]
 (preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing
 appendix or computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
☐ Informal ☒ Formal
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
 a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
 named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§
 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
 Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 (if applicable, all necessary)
 a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 ii. ☐ paper
 c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
 (when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS
 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
 (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
 (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
 Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

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☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: _____
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Application Number **New UTILITY Application**
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility Filing Fee	770.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design Filing Fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$)770.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
55	-20** = 35	X 18.00	= 630.00
Independent Claims	6	-3** = 3	X 86.00 = 258.00
Multiple Dependent			

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description
1202	2202	Claims in excess of 20
1201	2201	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	2203	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	2204	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	2205	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)888.00

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	2051	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	2052	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	2053	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's Action	
1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's Action	
1251	2251	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	Request for oral hearing	
1451	2451	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	2502	Design issue fee	
1503	2503	Plant issue fee	
1460	2460	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	2807	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	2806	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	28021	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
1809	2809	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	2810	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	2801	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	2802	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other Fee (specify)			
* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid			
SUBTOTAL (3)			(\$)40.00

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